GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3318
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2001
DESTRUCTION OF MANGROVES IN MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints regarding destruction of mangroves and breach of CRZ in Muhul, Mumbai;

(b) whether a private builder named ` Ever Sime` builders has started construction of huge buildings, complexes in CRZ area;

(c) if so, whether his Ministry has issued any directives in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have conducted any recent survey regarding CRZ in this area through any agency and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of observations and the action the Government propose to take in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s Eversmile Construction Company Pvt. Ltd. Mumbai, have undertaken construction of a residential complex near Mahul creek.

(c): The Ministry of Environment and Forests had issued directions under Section 5 of Environmental (Protection) Act,1986 to M/s Eversmile Construction Company Pvt. Ltd. Mumbai,to stop destruction ofmangroves and reclamation within Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) and to stop further construction of the proposed residential complex in CRZ area and to demolish all constructions done within the CRZ area along Mahul creek in Mumbai.

(d)&(e): The Ministry of Environment and Forests has constituted an Expert Committeeon 1st August ,2001 to examine whether the constructions done by M/s Eversmile Construction Company Pvt. Ltd. near Mahul Creek in Mumbai are in accordance with the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991 and approved Coastal Zone Management Plan of Maharashtra. The Committee has beer asked to submit report within one month.